

Amendment No. 1 to HB2223

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2107*

House Bill No. 2223

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-9-204, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "Wakeboarding" means:

(A) To use a board with or without foot bindings on which a rider is towed by a motorboat across a wake; or

(B) To operate a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake while towing a person using a board with or without foot bindings to be towed by the motorboat across the boat's wake;

() "Wakesurfing" means:

(A) To surf a motorboat's wake, regardless of whether the person is being pulled by a tow rope attached to the motorboat that is producing the wake; or

(B) To operate a motorboat in a manner that creates a wake that is, or is intended to be, surfed by another person;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 69, Chapter 9, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not engage in wakeboarding or wakesurfing in the waters of Tennessee:

(1) Between sunset and sunrise;

(2) On a body of water that is less than fifty (50) acres in size;

(3) On a portion of a body of water with a width, measured from the nearest shoreline to the second nearest shoreline, of less than four hundred feet (400');

(4) Within two hundred feet (200') of a shoreline, or a dock, pier, boathouse, or other structure located completely or partly on the water; and

(5) Without wearing a personal flotation device approved by the United States coast guard.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c), a person shall not engage in wakesurfing in the waters of Tennessee using a motorboat that has a propulsion system that extends beyond the motorboat's boarding or swim platform.

(c) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a regatta, race, trail run, parade, tournament, or exhibition on the waters of Tennessee for which an aquatic event application has been submitted to and approved by the executive director pursuant to § 69-9-211.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.